

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A computer peripheral sales promoting system comprising:
a service status detecting unit that detects a service status of a computer peripheral;
a manufacturing point terminal which stores supply information of the computer peripheral;
a customer product information storage device that stores specification information of said computer peripheral and user information which specifies a user of said computer peripheral and also consecutively updates and stores a service status detected by said service status detecting unit, wherein said service status detecting unit and customer product information storage device are provided in a computer which serves as an upper-level system for said computer peripheral; and
a sales promoting terminal for providing access to said customer product information storage device to thereby read out said specification information, said user information, and said service status, said sales promoting terminal receiving the supply information from the manufacturing point terminal based on said service status and sending purchase order information and retail store specifying information to the manufacturing point terminal in response to the received supply information; and

~~a manufacturing point terminal which manages supply information of the computer peripheral,~~

~~wherein said sales promoting terminal mediates the supply information sent by the manufacturing point terminal and demand information obtained from the customer product information storage device.~~

2. (currently amended): A computer peripheral sales promoting system comprising:
a service status detecting unit that detects a service status of a computer peripheral;
a manufacturing point terminal which stores supply information of the computer peripheral;

a customer product information storage device that stores specification information of said computer peripheral and user information of a user of said computer peripheral and also consecutively updates and stores a service status detected by said service status detecting unit, wherein said customer product information is provided in said computer peripheral;

a sales promoting terminal for providing access to said customer product information storage device to thereby read out said specification information, said user information, and said service status, said sales promoting terminal receiving the supply information from the manufacturing point terminal based on said service status and sending purchase order

information and retail store specifying information to the manufacturing point terminal in response to the received supply information; and

~~a manufacturing point terminal which manages supply information of the computer peripheral,~~

~~wherein said sales promoting terminal mediates the supply information sent by the manufacturing point terminal and demand information obtained from the customer product information storage device.~~

3. (previously presented): The computer peripheral sales promoting system according to Claim 1, wherein said computer peripheral is arranged in a network.

4. (previously presented): The computer peripheral sales promoting system according to Claim 2, wherein said computer peripheral is arranged in a network.

5. (previously presented): The computer peripheral sales promoting system according to Claim 1, wherein said computer peripheral comprises a data storing apparatus.

6. (previously presented): The computer peripheral sales promoting system according to Claim 2, wherein said computer peripheral comprises a data storing apparatus.

7. (previously presented): The computer peripheral sales promoting system according to Claim 3, wherein said computer peripheral comprises a data storing apparatus.

8. (previously presented): The computer peripheral sales promoting system according to Claim 4, wherein said computer peripheral comprises a data storing apparatus.

9. (previously presented): The computer peripheral sales promoting system according to Claim 5, wherein said specification information includes at least a disk capacity of said data storing apparatus; and said service status detecting unit detects a spent disk capacity and a load status of said data storing apparatus as a service status.

10. (previously presented): The computer peripheral sales promoting system according to Claim 6, wherein said specification information includes at least a disk capacity of said data storing apparatus; and said service status detecting unit detects a spent disk capacity and a load status of said data storing apparatus as a service status.

11. (previously presented): The computer peripheral sales promoting system according to Claim 7, wherein said specification information includes at least a disk capacity of said data storing apparatus; and said service status detecting unit detects a spent disk capacity and a load status of said data storing apparatus as a service status.

12. (previously presented): The computer peripheral sales promoting system according to Claim 8, wherein said specification information includes at least a disk capacity of said data storing apparatus; and said service status detecting unit detects a spent disk capacity and a load status of said data storing apparatus as a service status.

13. (canceled).

14. (currently amended): A computer peripheral sales promoting system comprising:
a service status detecting unit that detects a service status of a computer peripheral;
a customer product information storage device that stores specification information of said computer peripheral and user information which specifies a user of said computer peripheral and also consecutively updates and stores a service status detected by said service status detecting unit; and

a manufacturing point terminal which ~~manages stores~~ supply information of the computer peripheral,

wherein said customer product information storage device is accessible to a sales promoting terminal which can read out said specification information, said user information, and said service status, and

wherein said sales promoting terminal receives the supply information from the manufacturing point terminal based on said service status and sends purchase order information and retail store specifying information to the manufacturing point terminal in responds to the received supply information~~wherein said sales promoting terminal mediates the supply information sent by the manufacturing point terminal and demand information obtained from the customer product information storage device.~~